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TAGS: PORG, UNGA, GQ

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF 24 VOTE ON GUAM

REF: USUN 2769

1. SUMMARY: UNLESS ACTION ADDRESSEES PERCEIVE OBJECTIONS, YOU ARE REQUESTED TO URGE HOST FOREIGN MINISTRIES TO VOTE AGAINST HOSTILE SOVIET AMENDMENT ON GUAM IN THE COMMITTEE OF 24. END SUMMARY.

2. REFTEL REPORTS ON JUNE 30 MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF 24 WHEN ACTION ON THE GUAM REPORT WAS DEFERRED BECAUSE OF SOVIET OBJECTIONS TO LANGUAGE ON MILITARY BASES. IN QUESTION WAS THE PHRASE IN WHICH THE COMMITTEE, "REAFFIRMS ITS CONVICTION THAT THE PRESENCE OF MILITARY BASES IN GUAM SHOULD NOT PREVENT THE PEOPLE OF THE TERRITORY FROM EXERCISING THEIR RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION...". THE SOVIET DELEGATE PROPOSED TO DELETE "SHOULD NOT PREVENT" AND SUBSTITUTE THE WORD "PREVENTS."

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3. ATTEMPTS BY THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON SMALL TERRITORIES TO RESOLVE THIS ISSUE THROUGH COMPROMISE LANGUAGE HAVE SO

FAR FAILED. WE EXPECT THE COMMITTEE TO VOTE ON THE SOVIET RESOLUTION ON THURSDAY MORNING, AUGUST 10, IF COMPROMISE LANGUAGE CANNOT BE REACHED. WE STRONGLY OPPOSE THE INTRODUCTION OF LANGUAGE HOSTILE TO OUR INTERESTS IN GUAM.

4. ACTION ADDRESSEES ARE REQUESTED TO CALL ON THE APPROPRIATE FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS TO URGE A VOTE AGAINST THE SOVIET AMENDMENT. WE STILL HOPE THAT THIS ISSUE WILL NOT COME TO A VOTE, AND THAT A COMPROMISE CAN BE REACHED. IN PRESSING OUR POSITION, EMBASSIES MAY STATE THAT THE LANGUAGE REACHED BY THE SUBCOMMITTEE IN ITS DRAFT REPORT WAS ARRIVED AT AFTER CONSIDERABLE NEGOTIATION AMONG COMMITTEE MEMBERS. THUS, A VOTE IN SUPPORT OF THE SOVIET RESOLUTION WOULD IN EFFECT BE A RENUNCIATION OF A CAREFULLY WROUGHT AGREEMENT AMONG COMMITTEE MEMBERS. THE US GOVERNMENT HAS FULLY COOPERATED WITH THE COMMITTEE IN ITS CONSIDERATION OF GUAM, AND THE COMMITTEE HAS PREVIOUSLY ACCEPTED

A US INVITATION TO OBSERVE THE CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENDUM  
BEING HELD IN GUAM IN NOVEMBER. GIVEN THE FACT THAT  
THE COMMITTEE WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO OBSERVE CONDITIONS  
ON GUAM AT FIRST-HAND AT THAT TIME, THE PROPOSED  
AMENDMENT IS THUS HIGHLY PRESUMPTUOUS.

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